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SUBJECT: ZHIVKOVA VISIT, CULTURAL AGREEMENT SIGNING

REF: A) STATE 105769, B) STATE 104081, C) STATE 104082

1. AMBASSADOR CALLED ON CHAVDAR DAMYANOV, CHIEF MFA CULTURAL COOPERATION DEPT, MAY 10 AT LATTER'S REQUEST TO DISCUSS ZHIVKOVA VISIT TO US. NOTING THAT VISIT IS OF POLITICAL AS WELL AS CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE, AMBASSADOR INFORMED DAMYANOV THAT MME ZHIVKOVA'S OFFICIAL HOST IN WASHINGTON WOULD BE NANCY HANKS, CHAIRMAN, NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS, AND THAT OFFICIAL LETTER OF INVITATION FROM MS. HANKS WAS EXPECTED VERY SHORTLY. AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT FRUITFUL AND INTERESTING SCHEDULE, INVOLVING DEPT OF STATE AND OTHER BRANCHES OF USG AS WELL AS CULTURAL AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES, WAS NOW IN PREPARATION. TIME PEROTTING, AMBASSADOR RECOMMENDED MME ZHIVKOVA ALSO VISIT OTHER CULTURAL CENTERS SUCH AS BOSTON AND SAN FRANCISCO.

2. DAMYANOV STATED GOB DESIRE FOR "FORMAL AND OFFICIAL" USG INVITATION TO ZHIVKOVA TO VISIT US RPT US, AND HE REFERRED AS PRECEDENT TO SOVIET FIRST DEPUTY MINISTER OF CULTURE POPOV WHO, HE SAID, HAD RECEIVED OFFICIAL INVITATION WHEN HE CAME TO US TO OPEN SCYTHIAN GOLD EXHIBITION. HE SAID IT

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SHOULD NOT BE ASSUMED THAT MME ZHIVKOVA WOULD BE COMING TO THE US IN ANY EVENT TO OPEN THE THRACIAN ART EXHIBITION IN NEW YORK, AS SHE HAD NOT YET ACCEPTED THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM'S INVITATION TO COME THERE FOR THAT PURPOSE. IT WAS THE OPINION OF FOREIGN MINISTER MLADENOV, HE SAID, THAT MME ZHIVKOVA SHOULD NOT GO EVEN TO NEW YORK UNLESS SHE IS INVITED BY THE USG TO COME TO THE US.

3. AFTER SOME SPARRING ON THE SUBJECT AMBASSADOR SAID MS HANKS COULD ONLY INVITE MME ZHIVKOVA TO COME TO WASHINGTON BUT THAT IF THE GOB DESIRED, HER LETTER OF INVITATION WOULD BE COVERED BY LETTER OR NOTE FROM AMBASSADOR WHICH WOULD DESCRIBE THAT INVITATION AS "OFFICIAL INVITATION FROM THE USG" (WITHOUT REFERENCE TO HER COMING TO NEW YORK) AND WHICH WOULD ADD THE HOPE THAT MME ZHIVKOVA WOULD EXTEND HER STAY IN THE US TO SEE MORE OF OUR COUNTRY AND WOULD OFFER FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE OF THE DEPT OF STATE TO THAT END. COMMENT: WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER INVITATION TO COME "TO US" RATHER THAN "TO WASHINGTON" POSES ANY PROBLEMS TO DEPT, BUT HOPE TO FUDGE THIS ASPECT UNLESS WE HEAR THAT FROM WASHINGTON'S POINT OF VIEW IT MAKES NO PRACTICAL DIFFERENCE.

4. DETAILS. DAMYANOV THOUGHT MME ZHIVKOVA WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY TWO OR THREE GOB OFFICIALS BUT EXACT COMPOSITION OF GROUP NOT YET SETTLED. GOB AWARE THAT JUNE 8 IS REAL OPENING DATE BUT DAMYANOV COULD NOT YET SAY WHEN SHE PLANURTO ARRIVE IN NEW YORK. AMBASSADOR SUGGESTED ZHIVKOVA MAY WISH TO REMAIN IN NY UNTIL END OF WEEK TO SEE THE SIGHTS THERE, PLAN ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON SUNDAY JUNE 12 SO THAT HER PROGRAM THERE COULD BEGIN MONDAY JUNE 13. HE ALSO REQUESTED OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS PROGRAM DIRECTLY WITH ZHIVKOVA. DAMYANOV CONFIRMED GOB WILL PAY FOR ZHIVKOVA'S VISIT.

5. BOTH SIDES AGREED CULTURAL-SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL EXCHANGES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AGREEMENT AND PROGRAM DOCUMENT SHOULD BE SIGNED BY ZHIVKOVA WHILE IN WASHINGTON, TOGETHER WITH APPROPRIATE US OFFICIAL (WHO WE SAID WOULD PROBABLY BE ASST SECRETARY DUFFEY). AMBASSADOR SAID THAT IN VIEW OF ZHIVKOVA'S RANK SIGNING WOULD BE ATTENDED BY US CABINET LEVEL OR OTHER HIGH OFFICIAL TO LEND APPROPRIATE DIGNITY TO THE OCCASION. DAMYANOV NOTED CSTPHE HAS AGREED TO RAISE STIPEND IN BULGARIA TO 20 LEVA (ARTICLE FIVE, PARA TWO OF PROGRAM DOCUMENT) IN ADDITION TO ACCOMMODATION. DAMYANOV ALSO CONFIDENT HE CAN PERSUADE CSTPHE TO RESTORE THE TWO PLACES FOR AMERICAN SCHOLARS IN THE SUMMER SEMINAR. HE PROMISED BULGARIAN LANGUAGE TEXT OF PROGRAM DOCUMENT AND "A FEW SENTENCES ON THE SPIRIT OF HELSINKI" FOR AGREEMENT PREAMBLE BY MAY 13. IF THEN RECEIVED, WE WILL POUCH BULGARIAN TEXTS MONDAY MAY 16.

6. COMMENT: APPEARS WE HAVE MADE CONSIDERABLE HEADWAY. PLANNING FOR DETAILS OF ZHIVKOVA VISIT SHOULD PROCEED AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE. IT WOULD BE WELL FOR DEPT TO PLAN TO HAVE LIAISON ON HAND IN NY TO ASSIST IN ARRANGEMENTS THERE,

AND ON CONTINGENCY BASIS TO FORMULATE PLANS FOR SAN FRANCISCO
AND BOSTON VISITS FOLLOWING WASHINGTON. EMBASSY HOPES TO
RECEIVE SOON FOR COMMENT THE DETAILS OF DEPT'S PLANS FOR
WASHINGTON PORTION OF VISIT, WHICH FOR PLANNING PURPOSES
SHOULD BE ENVISAGED AS LASTING THREE DAYS. HANKS LETTER
JUST RECEIVED. WHILE IT PROCEEDS FROM ASSUMPTION THAT
MME ZHIVKOVA WILL BE IN THE US IN ANY EVENT, WHICH GOB MAY
FIND OBJECTIONABLE, WE WILL TRY AS PER PARA 3 TO COVER IT
WITH LETTER DESCRIBING IT AS "OFFICIAL INVITATION OF THE USG"
WITHOUT ANY REFERENCE TO NEW YORK, WHICH MAY GET US OVER
THE DIFFICULTY DESCRIBED PARA 2.
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